**East Clarendon High School**

**Physical Science**

**Instructor: Laura Fleming**

**Message to Students and Parents:**

I am extremely excited to be teaching Physical Science this year. Please know that I will do my best to make the class a positive learning experience. Most class notes, videos, assignments, and homework can be accessed through my webpage. If a student is absent, this is the first place the student/parent should look for missed assignments. Homework is also posted daily on my website. The pace of this course is rapid and students are encouraged to study daily even when there is not a formal assignment. Parents are encouraged to contact me about their child’s progress. I will send home progress reports every two to three weeks (usually after a test). Please read over the information about the course and my classroom procedures. I look forward to a wonderful semester.

Sincerely,

Laura Fleming

**Contact Information**:

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**Office Hours Available for Tutoring:**

Daily before school from 7:35 – 7:55

Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon from 3:05 – 3:45.

**Course Description:**

Physical Science is a semester long course aligned with the South Carolina standards. At the end of this course, students will have an in-depth understanding of basic chemistry and physics concepts. Topics of study include but are not limited to atomic structure and history, scientific inquiry, properties of matter, chemical reactions, energy, waves, forces, and motion.

**Textbook:**  *Concepts and Connections in Physical Science*

**Materials**: 3ring -1 inch binder, colored pencils, pencil / pen, loose leaf paper, highlighters,flash drive

**Grading Policy:**

30% - Daily Grades (Classwork and Homework)

30% - Labs / Quizzes

40% - Tests / Projects

The final exam is no longer a state End of Course exam, but it will count as 20% of the final semester and course grade. The class grade average as outlined above will count for the other 80% of the final grade.

### Daily routines:

### Students need to be in their seats when the tardy bell rings and start on the bell ringer activity posted on the board.

### Students are to follow the classroom rules.

### Be respectful of others property, feelings, space, & contributions.

### Come to class prepared and follow instructions.

### Always do your personal best.

### Listen carefully, pay attention, and stay on task.

### Follow lab safety rules and clean up your area.

### Uphold academic honesty and integrity.

### The following are consequences for violations of the classroom rules and/or behavior system (per grading period.

* + **First reprimand = warning**
  + **Second reprimand = teacher/student conference; complete a task from the Consequences Jar.**
  + **Third reprimand = phone call/note home to parent; complete a task from the Consequences Jar.**
  + **Fourth reprimand = Office referral and parent conference**

### \*\*\*\*\*\*Any serious offense will be directly referred to administration without following the above protocols.\*\*\*\*\*

### Students are allowed two bathroom passes every grading period. Students will be given passes on the second day of class and are responsible for keeping them until they need to use them. If a student uses all of his/her passes, then the student will still be allowed to go to the bathroom, but will be required to stay afterschool one day for tutorial support.

### Students are to stay in their seat unless instructed to do otherwise.

### Students present during W.E.B. time are expected to follow the same rules as they do during regular class.

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**Late / Make-up Work:**

Students are not allowed to turn in assignments late without penalty. For every day that an assignment is late, fifteen points are deducted.

Students who miss work are expected to make-up work within five days of returning to school. After this time, points will be deducted from all make-up work turned in. After five school days, any missed work will not be allowed to be completed. If a major assignment such as a test or project is assigned with a posted due date well in advance of the absence, the assignment is due upon returning to school unless extreme circumstances are involved. If the assignment is not turned in upon returning to school, ten points will be deducted each day it is not completed.

**Honor Code:**

Students who are blatantly caught cheating will automatically receive a zero for the assignment. If however the assignment is a test, the student will be allowed to complete an alternate assessment afterschool on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon.

Students will not be allowed to copy another individual’s work (homework, class work, writing assignments, tests, etc.). Copying another person work is considered cheating. Students who are involved (both those allowing the copying and those that are copying) in cheating will receive a zero for the assignment and parents will be notified of the event.

**Physical Science Parent / Student Contract**

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I have read and understand all the rules, class expectations, consequences for non-compliance and requirements for Mrs. Fleming’s Physical Science class.

**Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Photograph Release**

I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be photographed in Physical Science class and have these pictures displayed in the classroom or hall at East Clarendon Middle/High or posted to Mrs. Fleming’s or the school website (not Facebook).

**Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**